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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In my view the settlement reached among the Department of Justice, nine states, and Microsoft is a fair and reasonable compromise which should be implemented with as little delay as possible. Continuing litigation would have a negative effect on the entire software and computer industries as it would create further uncertainty about the future of those enterprises thus inhibiting investment and progress. In these economic doldrums, more uncertainty is exactly what we do not need.

Thank you for your kind attention to my concerns.

Yours truly,  
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